



COMMANDER JOINT TASK FORCE CIVIL SUPPORT

Holiday Message

In the next couple of weeks, the holiday season and another year will come to a close. As you spend time with your friends and families, know that your dedication to the service of your country is greatly appreciated. I thank you particularly for your efforts and sacrifices during the JTF-CS' deployment to New Jersey to assist in the initial recovery from the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. Although our part has ended, the recovery is not over for all affected. Keep those who are still struggling to restore their lives to normal in your thoughts.

Use this holiday season, whatever your religion or traditions, to reflect on the great work JTF-CS members have accomplished during this past year. Remember your brothers and sisters in arms that are away from home or not able to be with their friends and families.

The holiday season is a very difficult time of year for some. Commanders and supervisors, take the time to talk with your subordinates, let them know that they are appreciated, and ensure no one is forgotten. Suicide is still a serious problem in the military, it is crucial we take care of one another.

Stay safe, and return from the holidays renewed and refreshed for the work that lay ahead; to be ready when our country needs us. It's what we do.

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